

# A Look Back at HIV Testing



IT HAS BEEN  
**30**  
YEARS



**1<sup>ST</sup> HIV TEST**  
BECAME  
AVAILABLE

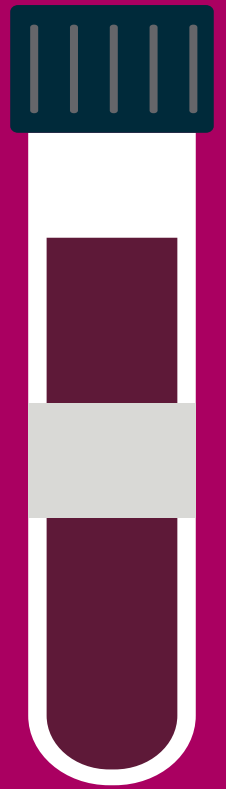
A PIVOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH MILESTONE IN THE UNITED STATES



**1985**

The risk of  
**CONTRACTING HIV THROUGH A BLOOD TRANSFUSION**  
was as high as  
**1 in 90**  
IN SOME U.S. CITIES<sup>1</sup>

The FDA licensed the  
**1<sup>ST</sup> TEST TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF HIV ANTIBODIES IN BLOOD**  
PIONEERED BY ABBOTT



**TODAY**

The last 30 years  
of advances in  
**testing and treatment**  
have changed the path  
of HIV from  
**CERTAIN DEATH TO A CHRONIC, MANAGEABLE DISEASE.**



In the U.S., of the  
more than 1.2 million people  
living with HIV, almost

**1 in 7**

DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE IT<sup>2</sup>



**MORE CAN BE DONE:**



Many new transmissions result from people who don't know their status and aren't on treatment.

Voluntary HIV testing and counseling allow people who have HIV to know their status.

This can help them get life-saving treatment and care, potentially preventing HIV transmission to others.

<sup>1</sup> Busch MP, Young MJ, Samson SM, Mosley JW, et al. *Transfusion*. 1991; 31: 4-11.

<sup>2</sup> HIV in the United States: At a glance. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. December 2013. Website: [www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/basics/ataglance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/basics/ataglance.html).